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Doctors McGirk Sanitarium



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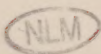
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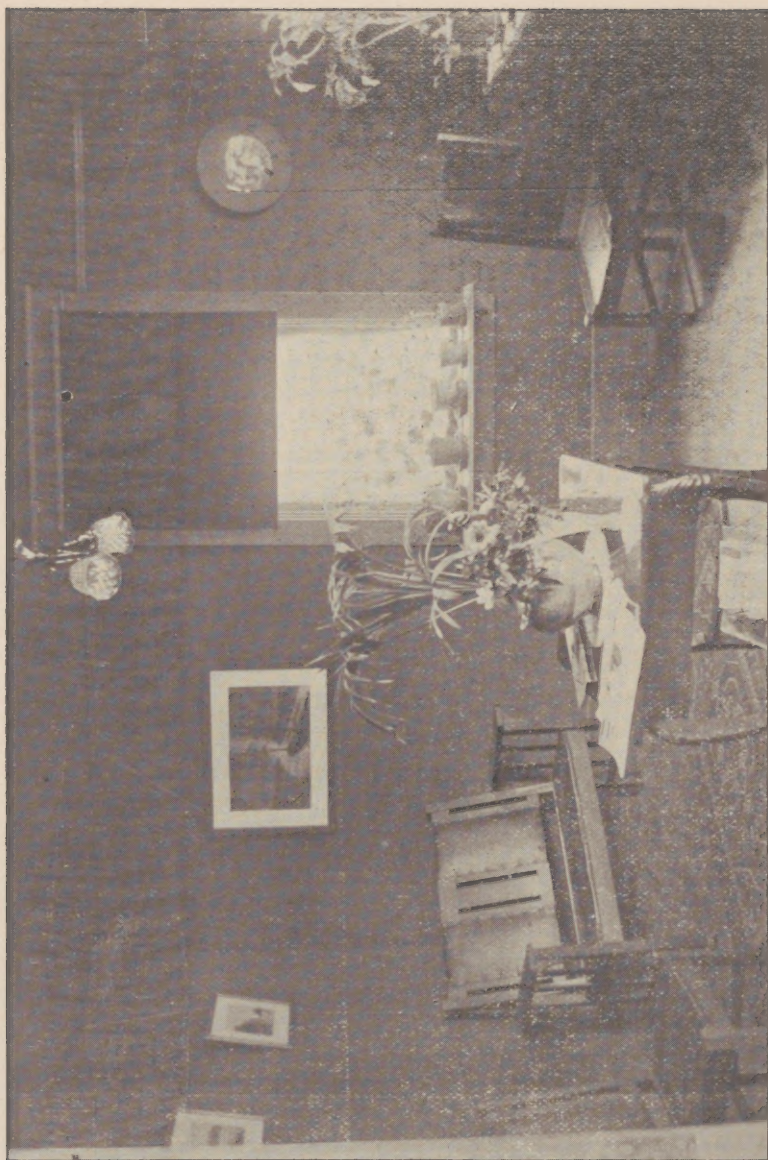
It may be of interest to the reader to know the history as well as the necessary requirements which led up to the establishment by the Doctors McGirk of their Sanitarium

Front
Street

Philipsburg, Pa.

Centre
County





RECEPTION ROOM

Doctors McGirk Sanitarium

THE cases coming under the care of Doctors McGirk both from home and those sent them from neighboring communities were treated either in their homes, boarding, houses, hotels, or their office under adverse circumstances. The condition of many patients required operation for their cure, and the necessity of referring these to city surgeons or hospitals on account of having no suitable establishment for their accommodation or rooms in which to operate caused them to devise some means to take care of such patients. After considerable thought and much doubt existing in their minds, it was decided to take two rooms in a private house, convert one into an operating room, the other into a private ward and employ a trained nurse. In April, 1901, the rooms were secured and the first operation performed. The accommodations, namely, two beds, were soon found to be inadequate, and in June, 1901, a four room house was secured, into which were placed three beds.

Here work was more easily done and the patients made much more comfortable. At this time it was found necessary to take a nurse in training. The stay in this building was, however, brief, and in October of the same year a building of eleven rooms with a lot sixty-six feet by one hundred and twenty feet was purchased.

Into this building were placed four beds and a fairly well equipped operating room and a second nurse taken in training. In the course of nine months two more beds were added and at the end of eighteen months eight patients could be accommodated. In this building were treated many patients, but at times it was crowded, and when so on account of the arrangement of the building, being transformed from a private house, made it very inconvenient and difficult to give the amount of attention to patients that was deemed necessary.



OFFICE

This building, however, was made to answer until September, 10th, 1906, when the building as seen on the cover was completed and occupied.

In the five and one-half years, or up to the time of the opening of the new Sanitarium, four hundred and thirteen patients had been operated on with nine deaths, a mortality of only two and one-tenth per cent.

With this introduction as to the starting of the Sanitarium, we take pleasure in giving a detailed description of the new building with photographs, which for size and equipment we do not believe can be excelled anywhere.

The Sanitarium is situated on Front Street, one square from the terminus of the Clearfield and Centre Electric Railroad, two squares from the Pennsylvania Passenger Station, three squares from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and Pittsburg and Eastern Terminal Depot.

The building which has a frontage of fifty-seven feet and depth of seventy-five feet is of three stories. First and second stories are of red brick, the third of frame, covered with fire-proof material. The roof over all is of slag, making an almost complete fire-proof structure.

In all there are twenty-five rooms and three bath rooms. The uses, size and description of these rooms can be seen on the accompanying plans.

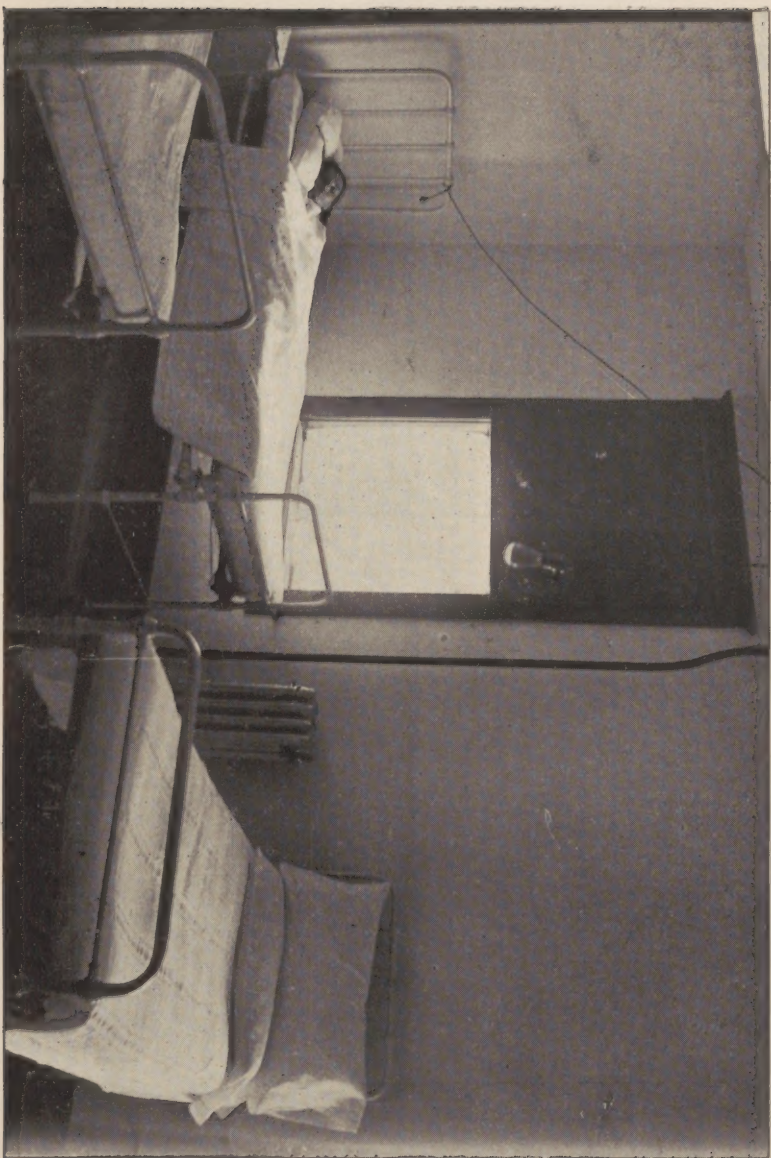
With nine private rooms and two private wards, eighteen patients can be accommodated most comfortably. Each room is provided with a closet and is furnished with everything to make the surroundings as home-like as possible—including steam heat, electric light and electric bells.

On the third floor are five rooms and a bath room for the accommodation of nurses and help.

An elevator connects all floors.



PRIVTAE ROOMS



PRIVATE WARD



ELEVATOR

HALLS

Wide halls run both directions through the entire building which permit of a perfect system of ventilation whereby an even temperature can be maintained without draft.

Arrangements are being made whereby all kinds of baths can be given. Both the Bell and Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephones are in service for the use of patients and visitors.

The sterilizing room is provided with the latest improved sterilizers.

The operating room is equipped with every late improvement in the way of tile floor, washable walls and ceiling, glass tables and bowls, automatic foot tread washstands. With large skylight and electric lights, the best results are obtained by day or night.

Nurses are taken in training and are given a three years' course at the end of which time a diploma is given.

The Sanitarium is not for the treatment of the insane, contagious diseases or the incurable, but chiefly for surgical, gynecological and obstetrical cases to which special attention is given.

Overcrowding is impossible, as only a limited number of patients will be admitted at a time, which gives each patient the best possible chance for recovery.

As the Sanitarium is private and maintained by individuals who derive no benefit from State or other source, all patients are required to pay, according to room, operation or medical treatment.

It was deemed a necessity to establish a chemical, pathological and bacteriological laboratory, not only for the study those cases coming under our own observation but for any physician wishing such work done.

Patients are allowed visitors between the hours of ten A. M. and eight P. M.

Any one desiring to visit the Sanitarium can do so at any time and are cordially invited.

DOCTORS MCGIRK SANITARIUM

OPERATIONS NOT ABDOMINAL

	Cured.	Improved.	Un-imp.	Died.	Total
Abortion, Inevitable	1				1
Abscess, Cold	2				2
" Pelvic	2				2
Amputation, Breast	8	1			9
" Cervix	1				1
" Finger	4				4
" Leg	2				2
" Penis	2				2
" Toe	1				1
Arthritis, Tubercular	1				1
Cleft Palate & Hare-lip	4				4
Circumcision, Male	14				14
" Female	3				3
Confinement	6				6
Curettements	21				21
" Diagnostic	2				2
" Retained placenta	1				1
" Femur		1			1
" Tibia	1				1
Cystocele	5				5
Cysts, Labial	3				3
" Dermoid of nose	1				1
" Sebaceous	1				1
Forebleb Dilatation	20		1		21
Empyema	1				1
Epithelioma of Ear	1				1
Excision, Axillary glands	4				4
" Ganglion	1				1
" Hymen	1				1
" Inguinal glands	3				3
Fistula, Fecal	2				2
" in Ano	7				7
" Vesico Vaginal	1				1
Fracture	2				2
" Nose	1				1
Hemorrhoids	6				6
Hydrocele	1				1
Onychia	1				1
Perineorrhaphy	14				14
Pelypus, Uterine	2				2
Prolapsus Rectum	1				1
" Vagina	1				1
Talipes Varus	1				1
Tonsilotomy	10				10
Trephine	1				1
Trachelorrhaphy	6				6
Urethrotomy, Internal	2				2
" External	1				1
Venereal Warts	1				1
Varicose Veins	4				4
Wound, Eyebrow	1				1
" Hand	1				1
" Scalp	1				1
" Rectum	1				1
" Vulva	1				1
	187	2	1		190

ALL SURGICAL CASES UP TO SEPT. 10, 1906

OP ERATIONS—ABDOMINAL.	Cured.	Improved.	Unimp.	Died.	Total.
Appendectomy, Abscessed.....	9			2	11
“ “ Not abscessed.....	47				47
Cysts, Dermoid.....	2				2
“ Ovarian.....	2				2
“ Multilocular.....	4			2	6
Cholelithotomy.....	1				1
Ectopic Gestation ruptured.....	2				2
“ “ not ruptured.....	1				1
Hysterectomy, Complete.....	2				2
“ “ Sup Vaginal.....	2				2
Hernia, Inguinal.....	11			1	12
“ “ Strangulated.....	1				1
“ “ Ventral.....	2				2
Intestinal Obstruction.....				2	2
Laparotomy, Exploratory.....	7				7
Myomectomy.....	1				1
Nephropaxy.....	1				1
Nephrectomy.....	1				1
Oophorectomy, Single.....	19				19
Papilloma, Ovarian.....				1	1
Peritonitis, Tubercular.....	3				3
Salpingo-Oophorectomy, Double.....	42				42
“ “ Single.....	23			1	24
Suspension, Uterine (Gilliams Operation).....	6				6
“ “ Ventral.....	33		1		35
	223		1	9	233

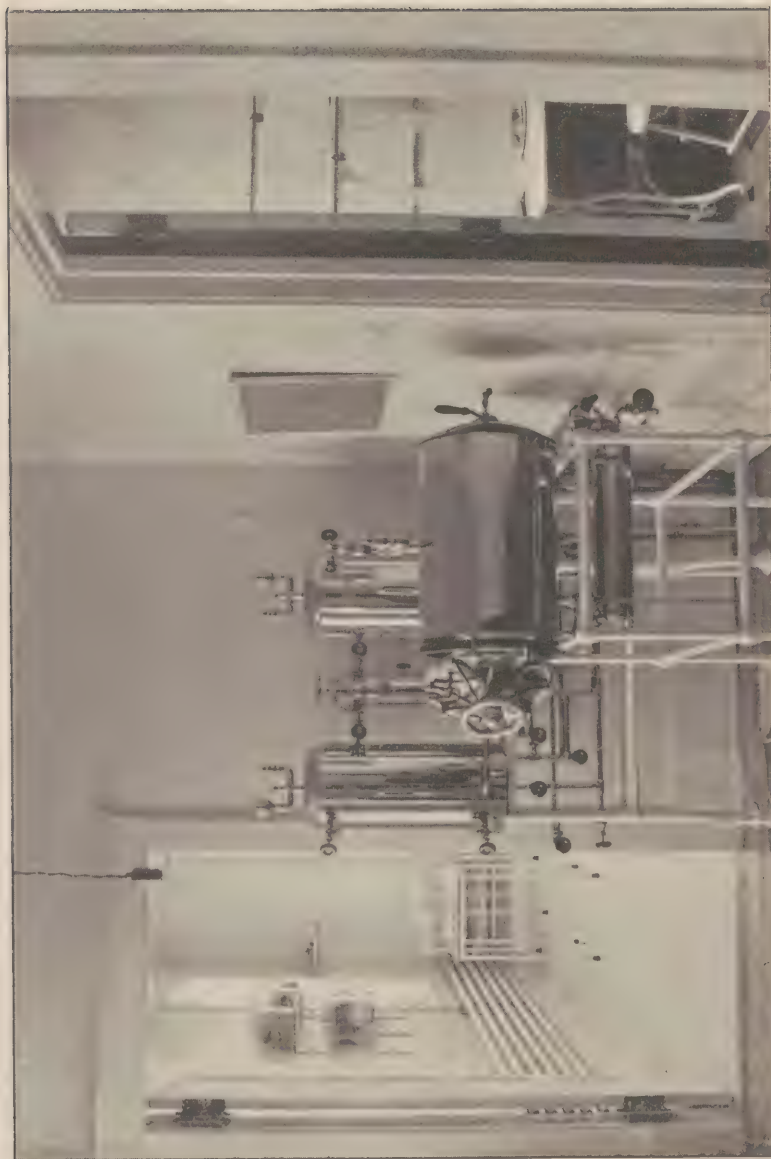
Mortality of all operations.....	2.18-100%
“ “ “ Abdominal operations.....	3.7-10%

Cause of death in the nine fatal cases was .

Large Ovarian Papilloma.....	24 hours	Shock
Intestinal Obstruction, Minor.....	11 days	Ether Pneumonia
Hernia (Radical Cure) “.....	4 days	“
Multilocular Cyst.....	24 hours	Shock
“ “.....	3rd day	Sepsis
Appendectomy (Abscess).....	11th day	Sepsis
“ “.....	3rd day	Sepsis
Single Salpingo-Oophorectomy.....	8 hours	Secondary Hemorrhage
Intestinal Obstruction.....	3rd day	Sepsis

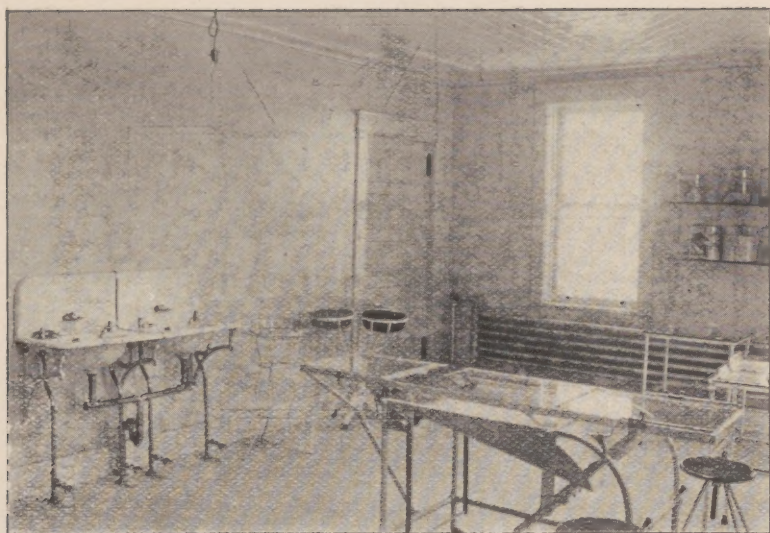
Both cases dying of ether pneumonia had anthracosis.



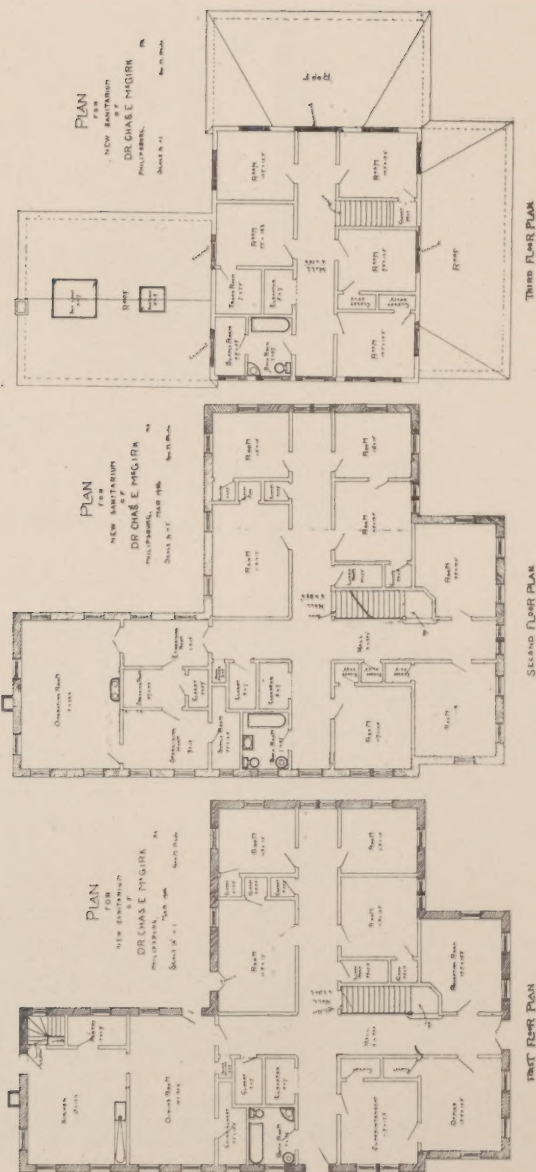


STERILIZING ROOM

CHART ROOM



OPERATING ROOM



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Phillipsburg, Pa.



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